

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF NOVEMBER 5TH, 1935.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board of Public Works, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Tuesday, November 5th, 1935.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Herbert R. O'Connor, Attorney General, and Wm. L. Henderson, Assistant Attorney General, and Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, were present at the meeting.

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Governor Nice took up with the Board the question of the appointment of an additional employee at the Hall of Records who would be uniformed and would have police powers, the latter probably to be delegated to him by the City of Annapolis, this matter having been taken up with the Governor by Judge Carroll T. Bond, Chairman of the Hall of Records Commission.

After due consideration it was agreed that a capable man should be employed who would be uniformed and that arrangements should be made with the City of Annapolis so that police powers would be vested in this employee, to be exercised if the occasion arises, in connection with his duties at the Hall of Records.

The Comptroller was authorized to see Judge Bond about this matter, and to advise him the Board would be willing to make available out of the 1936 Reserve Fund enough money to cover the pay of the employee at the rate of \$20.00 a week, or \$1040.00 a year.

The Board also authorized a transfer from the 1936 Reserve Fund to the Budget of the Hall of Records for 1936 of the sum of \$216.00 to take care of increase in the salary of an employee who has heretofore been classed as a janitor with salary of \$54.00 a month, this employee to be hereafter known as a watchman and to have additional duties and to receive a salary of \$18.00 a month additional, or \$72.00 a month, the same salary as is being received by other watchmen on the payroll of the Superintendent of Public Building.

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Governor Nice stated that Judge Soper had been to see him in connection with suits which were pending before Courts at this time relative

to the case of admittance of negroes to Institutions of the State of Maryland.

The Governor stated that Judge Soper was anxious that a survey of conditions be made in Maryland to see what could be done to work out a proposition which would be acceptable.

Mr. Henderson stated that the case involving the University of Maryland Law School has just been argued in the Court of Appeals and that he thought it advisable to await decision of the Court before taking any action in connection with a survey. He said he thought the Court would be filing an opinion within the next few weeks, and that he was inclined to believe that the opinion of the Court would be favorable to the University of Maryland.

It was further stated that the case would doubtless be appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, but Mr. Henderson stated that he was fairly certain that the State would win its case, and that this was the view held by other lawyers which whom he had discussed the case.

The Board decided to await the decision of the Court of Appeals in the matter before taking any action on the question of making a survey in the State.

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The Governor submitted the following letter from Doctor H. E. Tabler, Chairman of the State Roads Commission.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

November 2, 1935.

To His Excellency,
Hon. Governor Harry W. Nice,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Governor:

We are having a number of complaints from District Engineers about the slowing up of repair parts for equipment.

Due to the fact that all requisitions have to be submitted to the Central Purchasing Bureau first, before such parts can be purchased. It lengthens the time considerably and the trucks in the meantime are out of commission. We have seven trucks in one district out of commission at present, due to the fact that carrying out the law,

we have to make the requisition to the Central Purchasing Bureau first, which takes any where from one to two days to complete the circuit. Heretofore, the Roads Commission had authorized its engineers, when emergencies arose to buy the replacements and send the order in to the Commission. However, since the Purchasing Department is out of our hands we are not at liberty to do this, as it is our expectation to follow the law to the letter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ H. E. Tabler,

Chairman..

After a discussion of the matter it was agreed that the State Roads Commission should enter into an arrangement with the Central Purchasing Bureau whereby it would be possible for the State Roads Commission to make purchases direct of repair parts for equipment, and to report the purchases to the Central Purchasing Bureau on the forms which the Bureau has for this purpose.

The Board took up the question of the State Tax Rate for the 1936 levy. It was agreed that the provisions of the law authorizing the Emergency Bond Issue of 1935 had been gratified as far as the receipts from Collateral Inheritance Tax and Direct Inheritance Tax were concerned, and that sufficient receipts had been coming into the State Treasury to take care of servicing the loan in 1936. In view of the circumstances the following resolution was unanimously carried. -

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under Section 9 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1935, provision is made for the levy of State Taxes for the year 1936, at one and one-quarter cents ($1\frac{1}{4}$) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessable property, to meet the interest on the outstanding certificates of the Emergency Bond Issue of 1935, and also to meet and redeem so much of the principal as may be redeemable in said year, unless, before January 1st, 1936, the Board of Public Works shall ascertain as a fact that all payments of principal and interest have been met during the current year, and that the reserve fund provided for in Section 8 of said Act is unimpaired; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller has presented to the Board a statement showing that there has been collected and paid into the Treasury of the State during the period from January 1st, 1935, down to and including November 6th, 1935, the sum of Six Hundred Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty-eight Dollars and Forty-seven cents (\$600,638.47), as revenue derived from the State Inheritance Tax Law during said period, out of which sum, Eighty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$82,500.00) has been paid on account of interest upon said outstanding certificates, and the balance of said sum has been credited to said Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is made to appear that there are no further payments of principal or interest due during the calendar year 1935, on account of said outstanding certificates;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Public Works does hereby find as a fact that all payments of principal and interest upon said certificates have been met during the current year, and that the reserve fund provided for in Section 8 of said Act is unimpaired; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Governor of Maryland be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to publicly declare by proclamation that the State taxes provided for in Section 9 of said Act shall not be collected or levied for the year 1936.

The Secretary was authorized to advise the Counties and Baltimore City that the State Tax Rate on real and personal property for 1936 levy will be 22¢ on each \$100.00 of assessable property.

Budget

Mr. Miles offered the following resolution, and stated it would be agreeable if consideration of the resolution would be deferred until a later meeting, which was agreeable to the Board.

WHEREAS Section 11 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1935 (being known as the 1936 and 1937 Budget Act) empowers the Board of Public Works to supervise the expenditure of all appropriations contained in the Budget, and authorizes the said Board to establish rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, to carry out its powers of supervision; and

WHEREAS the Board has not heretofore established any such rules and regulations, but it is deemed advisable and appropriate that it should do so, and it is, THEREFORE -

RESOLVED That the Board of Public Works hereby adopts the following rules and regulations by which it and the several State departments and State institutions shall be controlled with respect to the matters referred to in said rules, viz:

1 - In the absence of express legislative authority, no increase shall be made in the salary of any "Public officer" in the several

departments and institutions of the State above the amount authorized by the Budget Bill of 1933 or the amount fixed by subsequent statute, whichever shall be the greater.

2 - No increase in the salary of any "employee" in the several departments and institutions of the State shall become effective without the previous approval of the Board of Public Works.

3 - No appropriation made by the Legislature to any department or institution of the State shall be expended for any purpose other than that provided in the Budget Act of 1936-1937 without the approval of the Board in addition to the approval of the Governor as required by the Budget Act.

4 - No such department or institution shall hereafter employ any persons in excess of the number authorized by said Budget Act; provided, however, this rule shall not prevent the temporary employment of persons needed by any department or institution in emergencies so long as the aggregate pay-roll of such department or institution shall not exceed the total amount appropriated to it for salaries and wages.

5 - Each such department and institution, in making requisition upon the Comptroller for any sum paid, or to be paid, to any officer or employee of such department or institution for traveling, automobile and/or other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, shall be required to furnish to the Comptroller an itemized statement of such expenses before a warrant is drawn upon the Treasurer for the payment thereof.

6 - Each such department and institution shall, on January 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st, of each year, submit to the Board of Public Works a written detailed report of all sums paid to the officers and employees of such department and institution for traveling, automobile and/or other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties during the preceding three months.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Secretary of the Board of Public Works shall submit to the Attorney General of Maryland a copy of this Resolution, and request his opinion as to the legality of its provisions.

Mr. Blakeman, State Budget Director, submitted the following report on Budget matters, particularly relating to salaries of employees, where it would be necessary to revise salaries because of an opinion of the Attorney General of Maryland, advising that these salaries had been increased beyond the amount permissible under the Constitution and statutes.

After discussion the Board formally approved it.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ANNAPOLIS MD.Office of
Wm. H. Blakeman
State Budget Director,
2411 N. Charles St.
Baltimore, Md.

November 5, 1935.

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

The following report is respectfully submitted in connection with the "Cushion Fund" and other allocations into the State Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1936.

There having arisen criticism in the press of certain allocations from Reserve Funds at the disposal of the Governor and the Board of Public Works, and from other sources into the Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1936, the Governor referred the whole matter to the Attorney General for his opinion. The writer in company with Mr. Kirkman, his predecessor as Budget Aide, discussed with the Attorney General the facts of several more or less typical cases and on October 24, the Attorney General issued an opinion, copy of which is attached, to the effect that while wide discretionary powers are given to the Governor in the movement of funds from item to item of an appropriation, both expenses and salaries, the salary of a "Public Officer" could not be changed during his term of office. Furthermore, he defined as a "Public Officer" certain persons on the payroll of the State, using as his authority for this definition the decision of the Court of Appeals in "Calvert County vs. Monnett 146 Md. p. 102". A copy of this decision is also attached.

There has been considerable correspondence between the writer and the Attorney General in an endeavor to apply his ruling to certain heads of departments and commissions. A copy of the entire correspondence is attached hereto for the records of the Board.

In a sincere attempt to equalize salaries to the changing conditions of the administration of the State's affairs, changes were made in certain salaries beyond a point at which, by the Attorney General's ruling, it was constitutional to set them.

As a result of the Attorney General's opinion and its application to those cases so far discussed, it would appear to the writer that it will be necessary to alter downward the salaries of nine people, being three individual department heads and two boards of three members each. A list of these changes downward is as follows:

	Revised 1936	Constitutional Limit per "Opinion"	Reduction
Sup't., Pub. Bldgs. & Grounds	\$1,700	\$1,500	\$ 200
Comm'r, Motor Vehicles	5,000	4,000	1,000
Chairman, Conservation Commission	5,000	3,500	1,500
Members, Conservation Commission (2)	4,000 (ea.)	3,000	2,000
Comm's., Labor & Statistics	3,500	3,000	500
Members, Bd. of Mot. Pict. Censors (3)	2,500 (ea.)	2,400	300
			<hr/> \$5,500

In these cases, with the Board's approval, budget amendments will be prepared as follows:

(1) The salary of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles will be reduced to \$4,000 and the \$1,000 will be transferred to a departmental item of expense, to be available to the Commissioner for expenses in the administration of his office.

(2) The salary of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds will be reduced from \$1,700 to \$1,500 and the \$200 thus released will be returned to the Reserve Fund and thus made available for subsequent allocation by the Board of Public Works.

(3) The salary of the Commissioner of Labor and Statistics will be reduced from \$3,500 to \$3,000 and the \$500 thus released will be returned to the Reserve Fund and made available for subsequent allocation by the Board of Public Works.

(4) The salaries of the three members of the Board of Motion Picture Censors will be reduced from \$2,500 each to \$2,400 each and the \$300 thus released will be returned to the Reserve Fund and made available for subsequent allocation by the Board of Public Works.

(5) The three members of the Conservation Commission will have their salaries reduced from \$5,000 for the Chairman, and \$4,000 each for the two members, respectively, to \$3,500 for the Chairman and \$3,000 each for the two members. The \$3,500 thus released from Item 1 will be transferred to the Reserve Fund and made available for subsequent allocation by the Board of Public Works.

At the same time a letter from the Governor in each of the five cases will instruct each of these department heads, as the "Employing Authority" and the originator of the Payroll, to make the necessary Payroll changes as of October 1, and make adjustment with the State Comptroller's Office.

This report is respectfully submitted and if approved the necessary papers will be executed in accordance therewith.

Yours very truly,

/s/ W. H. Blakeman

State Budget Director.

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Investments
The following letter from the State Industrial Accident Commission, dated November 2nd, 1935, was read and considered -

STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION

November 2nd, 1935.

State Board of Public Works,
Union Trust Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

The Superintendent of the State Accident Fund has requested that we ask you to invest the sum of approximately \$400,000.00 in approved securities of your selection, in accordance with Section 25 of the Workmen's Compensation Law. Will you please consider the investment of this money at as high a rate of interest as you can secure on the type of securities that should be purchased for the State Accident Fund.

Will you kindly make arrangements for this investment as promptly as possible.

Please acknowledge receipt of this request.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Albert E. Brown,

Secretary.

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The Secretary was instructed to reply to the Commission and advise that the Board will make every effort to invest the funds of the State Accident Fund, taking into consideration market conditions, etc.

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The Secretary read the following letter from Charles T. LeViness, 3rd., Assistant Attorney General.

STATE LAW DEPARTMENT

October 31st, 1935.

Mr. Joseph O. McCusker, Esq..
Chief Deputy Comptroller,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

We have been requested by the State Superintendent of Schools to interpret Chapter 477 of the Acts of 1935, Section 6, as to whether or not the allocation of certain funds by the Board of Public Works applies to all counties in the State or merely to equalization fund counties. This section provides that

the Governor and/or the Board of Public Works, if budget funds are available, may restore the schedule of teachers' salaries to the extent of one-half of the respective amount so specified. The State Superintendent of Schools advises us that the sum of \$87,500 was allocated by the Board of Public Works to permit the restoration of one-fourth of the salary cut designated by Chapter 477. I would like to know whether there is any specific resolution of the Board on this subject for the purpose of determining whether this money goes to the equalization fund or is to apply to all counties in the State. The wording of this Section of the Act is "to restore the schedule of teachers "salaries" and does not seem to restrict it to equalization fund counties.

Will you kindly let me have any information you can on this subject?

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ Charles T. LeViness, 3rd.

Asst. Attorney General.

CTL:EH

The Board authorized the Secretary to reply to Mr. LeViness and to advise him that it was the intention of the Board in allotting funds to the Public School Budget to permit the restoration of one-fourth of the salary cuts designated by Chapter 477 to restore the schedule of teachers salaries, and that the action of the Board does not restrict this money to the Equalization Fund Counties but intends that it shall apply to all counties.

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The Board was advised that Judge Parke had suggested a light be placed on the outside of the stained glass windows at the landing on the stairway of the Court of Appeals building so that this light would bring into view the design in the windows.

The Secretary was requested to look into this matter, and ascertain the probable cost of carrying out Judge Parke's suggestion.

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The following letter from James A. Young, Clerk of the Court of Appeals was read and considered -

COURT OF APPEALS
OF MARYLAND

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

October 29, 1935.

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

I find that no provision has been made in the present budget for janitor service for the Clerk's office, notwithstanding the fact that when the budget was being prepared I asked for the same amount as had been appropriated for several years.

After the budget was finally passed with the janitor service eliminated, I naturally presumed that some arrangement was in the Governor's mind for handling this work.

Up to this time nothing has been done and I now, respectfully, ask for an allotment of \$216.00 for 1936 which is the same amount as formerly appropriated; and further suggest that the janitor be continued under the Clerk's direction.

Very truly yours,

/s/ James A. Young.

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Action on Mr. Young's request was deferred because the Board wants to give further consideration to the question of providing janitor service for the Court of Appeals building.

The Secretary reported to the Board that he had ordered through the State Purchasing Agent a gavel to replace the one used by the Honorable James H. Preston when he was Speaker of the House of Delegates in 1894, the original gavel having been lost by Mr. Preston.

Upon delivery of the gavel to the Secretary, it will be turned over to Mr. Preston.

Legislature
State Roads Commission

The following letter from Mr. F. W. Rohrs, P. O. Box 385, Baltimore, was read and considered -

Rosedale, Md.
November 1st, 1935.

Maryland Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing herewith copies of my letters of June 27th, August 15th, and September 27th, last, to our Hon. Governor Harry W. Nice. I have been unable to receive any reply to any of these letters, and have reason to believe that they have been received by Mr. Irvin, who for some obvious reasons prevents them from getting into the hands of the Hon. Governor.

This matter is not a request for charity, nor for a favor, but rather for my just claim against the Maryland State Roads Comm., and of 15 years standing.

May I not induce your Board to place these letters in the hands of the Governor and take up the subject matter with him at some time in the immediate future? I shall be pleased to appear before your body in reference to the claim at any time you may desire.

Very respectfully yours,

/s/ F. W. Rohrs.

P.O. Box 385,
Baltimore, Md.

The Board requested the Secretary to refer this file of correspondence to Mr. Jenifer, Assistant Attorney General, in charge of the work for the State Roads Commission, for investigation and report.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from the Tolchester Company that it be paid its prorata subsidy of the appropriation for the fiscal year 1936, for the month of October, 1935, in the amount of \$1,140.61. The appropriation to the Ferry Companies recites that the payment of it is subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works. It was stated that this contingency was attached to the appropriation because of the financial condition of the Ferry Company at the time the appropriation was included in the Budget. In view of the fact that the Ferry Company was operating in the month of October the Board authorized the payment of the allotment for that month.

The Secretary read the following letter from Henry
Bowell Hopkins, Architect, dated November 2nd, 1935. -

HENRY POWELL HOPKINS
ARCHITECT
10 East Mulberry St.
Baltimore, Md.

November 2, 1935.

Mr. Joseph McCusker
Secretary of the Board of Public Works
Comptroller's Office
Annapolis, Maryland.

Re: Eastern Shore State Hospital
Repairs to Engines and Compressors.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

Following the last meeting of the Board of Managers
of the Eastern Shore State Hospital, the Board authorized me to
present the enclosed estimate which has been received from the
Cambridge Brick Company for repairs to the engines and compressors of the
above Institution.

The Board of Managers has asked me to respectfully
request the Board of Public Works to authorize the expenditure of
the additional money for these very much needed repairs. This
mechanical equipment is in bad condition and should be repaired at the
earliest moment to prevent a possible breakdown which would cause
considerable inconvenience to the Hospital as these electric
engines furnish all the electricity for power and lighting in the
entire Institution.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Henry P. Hopkins.

Architect.

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ENCLOSURE
C.C. Ralph H. Grier
Salisbury, Md.

After due consideration the Board agreed to the approval
of the work outlined in this correspondence, and the prices quoted
by the Cambridge Brick Company in the following letter.

THE CAMBRIDGE BRICK COMPANY
Cambridge, Maryland.

October 25, 1935.

Re: Repairs to Electric Engines,
Eastern Shore State Hospital.

Mr. Henry Powell Hopkins, Architect,
10 East Mulberry Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

For the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1200), we propose to make necessary repairs to Electric Engines at the above named project.

For the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300). we propose to make necessary repairs to the air compressors.

The above two making a total of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500), and if accepted is to be an extra to our present contract price on the New Admissions Building.

Yours very truly,

The Cambridge Brick Company

By /s/ Chas. E. Brohawn,
President

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The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board the fact that a claim^{was} filed by the Comptroller's Office on behalf of the State in the case of the Blue Ridge Oil Company in receivership in the Circuit Court of Baltimore City (Docket 73-A, Folio 1055) - the State received payment of \$582.20 to apply to its claim of \$5,385.75, the Comptroller being advised by the State Law Department that this amount, \$582.20, was all available to apply to the State's claim, and there would be no further funds for distribution.

Under the circumstances, the Comptroller requested authority to write off the business as uncollectible.

The Board approved the request.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board some correspondence received from the Governor of the State of Oklahoma, relative to having the State of Maryland take some appropriate action in connection with the celebration of Will Rogers Day on November 4th, 1935. In view of the fact that the date set for the memorial had passed before this meeting nothing could be done by the State of Maryland to participate in the ceremonies.

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The following letter from Arthur E. Hungerford, State Director for the National Emergency Council for Maryland, dated October 25th, 1935, was read and considered -

THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY COUNCIL

Office of the
State Director for Maryland,
130 Custom House,
Baltimore, Maryland.

October 25, 1935.

The Honorable Harry W. Nice,
Governor for Maryland,
State House,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor:-

Let me implore your aid in finding some way for the State to provide clothing for men going from relief rolls to work on Works Program Projects.

Thousands of these men have been on relief for two or three years. During this time they have received little allowance for clothing. As a result, their shoes are worn out, their clothing threadbare, and entirely inadequate for the rigors of the weather at this time of the year. Unless action is taken intense suffering will result.

Some will say the Federal Government should provide this clothing. Others will argue that the State has not done its share to help meet the situation.

It does not make a bit of difference in this situation which is right. Unless action is taken, thousands of men as they work for the first time in years, will suffer intensely.

Will you not use every effort to find funds some place in the State to help meet this situation. Every day of delay means further suffering and danger to the health of men who, at the best

have been under-nourished for months, have suffered the tortures of idleness and are in no condition to battle with colds and pneumonia.

The story of John Phillips is told on the accompanying sheet. It is typical of hundreds of other men and of the situation that will be faced by thousands of others by the end of next month.

From unemployed men going to work, from Welfare Workers, from representatives of the People's Unemployment League and contractors, it is evident that the situation is serious.

Let me assure you that this office will do everything in its power to help you meet this situation.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Arthur E. Hungerford,
The State Director for the
National Emergency Council
for Maryland.

The Board was sympathetic to the situation outlined by Mr. Hungerford, but because of lack of funds was unable to take any action looking toward providing clothing for the men in question.

The request of the Board of Plumbing Commissioners for an allotment of \$500. from the Reserve Fund of 1936 to increase its appropriation in 1936 Budget from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00, was considered, but the Board deferred any action on the request.

The following letter from General Milton A. Reckord, dated October 17th, 1935, was read and considered -

STATE OF MARYLAND

MILITARY DEPARTMENT
ANNAPOLIS

Headquarters Armory
Armory Place and N. Howard St.
Baltimore, Md.

October 17th, 1935.

Hon. Harry W. Nice,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor Nice:

In connection with the order to active duty of Company "D", 1st Infantry, located at Bel Air, for the purpose of protecting a prisoner you are advised that the actual expenses incident thereto total \$219.71

In view of the trouble I am having to operate under a reduced budget this year, and because of precedent in such matters, I am requesting that you authorize the Comptroller to set up to the credit of the Military Department an additional \$219.71 with which to pay these bills.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Milton A. Reckord,
Major General,
Maryland National Guard.

The Board approved General Reckord's request that \$219.71 be transferred from the 1936 Reserve Fund to the 1936 Budget of the Military Department, to reimburse that Department for expenditures incurred as outlined in the correspondence.

The Secretary called to the attention of the Board the fact that Colonel Jones, State Employment Commissioner, had executed a lease for the quarters occupied by his department, 22 Light Street, for the period of two years, - October 1st, 1935 to September 30, 1937, at \$3,600. yearly.

The Board approved the making of the lease.

The Comptroller took up with the Board the question of moneys collected by the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas belonging to litigants and deposited in bank by the former Clerk, James Y. Claypoole, which funds are restricted at this time, and which it is impossible for the Clerk to pay to the persons entitled to the money.

The Comptroller suggested that he might authorize the Clerk to pay these moneys to litigants or to persons entitled to the moneys out of Excess Fees of the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, so that litigants would not have to wait until the certificates issued by the bank in which the funds are impounded would be redeemed. It was stated that the amount involved would be approximately \$600.00.

The Board was of the opinion that the litigants who put this money in the hands of the Clerk should not be required to wait for it, and approved the suggestion of the Comptroller that the Clerk be authorized to pay these fees to the persons entitled to them out of the Excess Fees of his office, and the money to be collected from the Certificates when paid by the bank should be turned into the General Treasury.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request received from the Annapolis Metropolitan Sewerage Commission for payment of \$5,000.00 included in the Miscellaneous Budget for 1936 to cover the State's share of the cost of construction and maintenance of the sewerage system being installed in the City of Annapolis by that City. The Annapolis Metropolitan Sewerage Commission has submitted a statement showing there has been expended on the work more than a half million dollars.

The Board was of the opinion that the appropriation was payable at this time, and authorized the Comptroller to issue his warrant in payment.

The following letter from Mrs. Sara Sutherland Green, Division President, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Maryland Division, was read and considered -

Emergency fund

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY
MARYLAND DIVISION

Mrs. John Martin Green
President
4 Acton Place, Annapolis, Md.

October 18, 1935.

Mr. Joseph McCusker, Secretary.

My dear Mr. McCusker:-

The first of February, 1935, having in mind the fact that the appropriation to the Confederate Womens Home Board, which takes care of 12 elderly, dependent, Confederate Ladies, would come to an end this year, I wrote the Governor's budget advisor, Mr. J. Purdon Wright, to ask if they would be included in the budget for the next two years. Very shortly thereafter I had a reply in which I was assured that they were included. However what I did not know was that the sum had been slashed from \$2,000 to \$1500, and considering the fact that the Confederate Veterans, who are included in the bill, have to have \$1440. for their care, there is nothing left to take care of our old Ladies. The sum which we have heretofore gotten enabled us to give each old lady \$5.00 a month, which was used by some towards their room rent, by others toward clothing and medicine and the bare necessities of life. The Confederate Home Board and the Daughters of the Confederacy and other interested people do what they can from time to time for them but the amount from the State was a definite thing upon which they could count. The Confederate Womens Home went out of existence some years ago, just as did the Confederate Soldier's Home at Pikesville and for the same reason and at that time the Board turned back into the State the balance in its treasury. I would not want to see any of the three veterans allowance cut in any way. I know them all three quite well and know that they need what they get. Is it not possible that there is some emergency fund from which the \$720 could be taken to help out in this crisis? Frankly, we do not know at this late hour where to turn, and twelve old ladies will certainly want for the necessities of life if the sum which we were to have had is not forthcoming.

Pleading with your Commission to do all that it possibly can, and calling to your mind the fact that I am a trained social worker and former Red Cross Nurse, who should certainly be able to judge the need of same,

I am,

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sara Sutherland Green.

Division President.

rent The Secretary advised the Board that prior to the fiscal year 1936 there had been appropriated to the Maryland Line Confederate Soldiers Home annually the sum of \$2,000, which took care of the cost of maintaining three old soldiers in private homes and took care of allotments for of about 12 old ladies as stated in Mrs. Green's letter. It was stated that \$780.00 would be necessary to continue in 1936 the cost of caring for the old Veterans and the ladies in addition to the appropriation of \$1,500. in the Budget for that year.

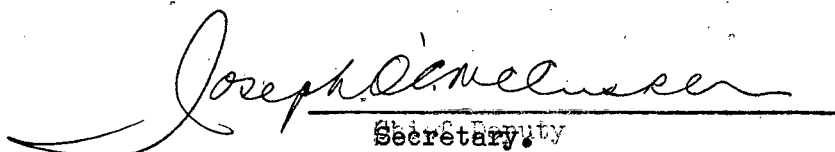
The Board authorized the transfer of \$780.00 from the Emergency Reserve Fund for 1936 to the account for the Maryland Line Confederate Soldiers Home, so that the aid to the old ladies might be continued this year.

The Board approved an order given to The Miller Art Glass Studio for repairing the skylight over the stairway in the Court of Appeals Building at a cost not to exceed \$325.00. It was found that the skylight was in bad condition and in danger of falling.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board some correspondence he had with Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, relative to a report received from the State Auditor covering an examination of the accounts of the Central Purchasing Bureau up to the time Mr. Kirkman was succeeded in that Department by Mr. Harry Mertz, State Purchasing Agent. The State Auditor's report showed a discrepancy of \$ 4.39. Mr. Kirkman had expressed a willingness to remit this amount to the State if the Board felt settlement should be made by him.

The Board was unanimous in agreeing that Mr. Kirkman should not be asked to remit this amount to the State.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.